

## **BRAKE PADS**

Do you hear a screeching sound like metal rubbing on metal when you hit the brakes on your car? If they do, I think its time for your brake pads to be changed. To change your car's brake pads, you must have a few pieces of equipment and recourses. There are a few pieces of equipment, which can be found just inside your car itself! The jack and the wheel wrench are located in trunk of your car under the carpet. The jack has a diamond shape too it with big twisty looking screw in the middle of it. The wheel wrench looks like a crowbar with a not bolt shape at the end of it. To get the rest of the equipment and recourses you must unfortunately buy it at an auto parts store or Wal-Mart of some kind.

These pieces of equipment will consist of brake pads, ratchet set, flat screwdriver and stands. After you have gathered all the equipment and resources you should take your car and drive it to flat workable area. Make sure when you get out of the car that it is in gear and the E brake is up to ensure the car won't roll but be nice and sturdy. First step to change your brakes is to take your jack and place it under your vehicle. You must not just place the jack anywhere but under the big metal rectangular shape looking *box* beneath your car. Once under raise the jack by turning a small, thin, shaft on the side of the jack. As soon as the car is in the air you must put a *stand* on either side of the jack so that the car won't tip. The second step is to figure out now if your car is front wheel drive or rear wheel drive. To find out, if your car is front or rear wheel drive you have to look where your brake clabbers are, a metallic, cylinder looking object connected to the wheel disc. If in front they your car is front wheel drive and if in back its rear wheel drive. If the car is front wheel drive you should take of the front two wheels and veus verse if rear wheel drive. After you discover which wheels to take off, we must move to the third step. Take out the wheel wrench and use it to unlock and screw out all the wheel bolts, this may take some strength depending on how tightly locked the bolts are. After the wheels are off, look at the brake clabbers and find a big octagon screw. When found go to the fourth step, which is to use the ratchet set to unscrew it. Once the screw is unscrewed we move to the fifth and final step. Use the flat screwdriver and push the brake pad out, which is clearly visible (probably blackish, sliver looking). All you have to do now is use the screwdriver to push the new brake pads up in the same position as the old one and screw it to the clabber. After that's done you can now move to the sixth step by re bolting the wheel back on to the wheel disc. Next and last step is you ought to first remove the stands and then slow bring down the jack. Almost immediately after everything is complete take the car for a drive around the block. While driving you should not hear that awful screeching sound and feel your car brake much healthier and smother. These are some easy steps in helping you change your brake pads of your car when you hear or feel the time is right. Plus don't forget this can save you ton money.